

Application No.: 10/613,113

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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-40 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species illustrated in Figs. 5-6C;

Species illustrated in Figs. 7-8B;

Species illustrated in Figs 9-10B; and

Species illustrated in Figs. 11-12.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect the Species illustrated in Figs. 11-12, with traverse. At least claims 16-21 and 30-33 are directed to the elected species.

It is believed that examination of all pending claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, such examination is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong, Registration No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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